III. *Extracts of Two Letters from Mr.* Tho. Knowlton *to Mr.* Mark Catesby, *F.R.S. concerning the Situation of the ancient Town* Delgovicia; *and of two Men of an extraordinary* Bulk *and* Weight.

I.

Londisburgh, Sept. 1745.

SIR,

Read March 6. 1745-6. LAtely we have diſcovered (within four Miles of this Place) many Foundations in a ploughed Field, which have lain buried for many hundred Years; and there are no Records or Tradition of it: It was diſcovered by one Mr. *Hudſon*, a Farmer at *Millington*, as he formerly tended his Sheep on one Side of the Hill, and on the oppoſite Side had perceived in the Corn a Difference in Colour for ſome Years before; which led him this Summer to dig; and, happening on the Foundations, it encouraged him, Dr. *Burton*, and myſelf, to dig likewiſe in ſeveral Places; and in one Part was diſcovered a circular Foundation five Feet wide, and the Plan within 45 Feet Diameter; by which I imagine it was a Temple dedicated to *Diana*, ſaid to have been at *Goodmanham*; but I could never, by many Trials, find the leaſt Appearance of it there. The Diſtance from *Goodmanham* to *Millington* is about 5 Miles; and there were likewiſe many other Foundations which had great Quantities of *Roman* Pavements within them; by which I imagine, after the Diſſolution

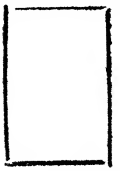
Diſſolution of the Temple it became a *Roman* Station, then called *Delgovicia*; which has been ſoun-certainly fixed at *Goodmanham*, *Londesbrough*, *Hayton*, &c.: Yet not the leaſt Remains ever appearing at any of thoſe Places, ſo as to ſatisfy an indifferent Inquirer; but, in this juſt now diſcovered, the Ruins and Foundations are a Demonſtration of the once Grandeur of the Place; and no doubt it was the abovementioned *Delgovicia*. The Foundations lay about 18 Inches below the Surface, and to the Depth of 4 or 5 Feet within the Ground.

N. B. It is on the *Wolds* Hills, within two Miles of *Pocklington*.

Within a Mile and half of *Kilham* is a Place called *Danes Graves*, near which, it is ſuppoſed, was fought a great Battle, in which infinite Numbers fell; and ſo were laid in Heaps, and covered with the chalky Soil in little *Tumuli*, of the Quantity of two or three ſquare Yards; in which, if opened, one may find great Quantities of human Bones: Though, at this Diſtance of Time, I believe there is not leſs than an Acre of Ground covered over with them, joining cloſe to each other; and it is one of the greateſt Curioſities of Antiquity, in my Opinion, I have ever ſeen: I am determined one Day to go and number them, and to meaſure the Quantity of Land they cover.

About five Miles from thence, in *Rudſtone* Churchyard, there ſtands up, on the N. E. End of the Church, a large Stone, 30 Feet above-ground, and what Depth within is not known (tho' I intend next Winter to dig and ſee the Depth): Neither can I tell upon what Account ſuch a mighty Obelisk was brought

brought over Land ſo far as it muſt have been; becauſe we have no Quarries of Stone nearer than twenty Miles from the Place; all the Wolds are barren of ſuch Materials: It is five Yards about, like



the Figure in the Margin. Dr. *Childerley*, in his *Baconica Britannica*, takes no Notice of any of theſe Antiquities, in which I ſhall enter a ſhort Memorandum of what is remarkable.

Theſe two laſt Articles were not ſeen by me till *Midſummer-day*, when laſt I went to *Flambrough-head*, which made them in my Way.

II.

Feb. 28. 1745-6.

IN the Neighbourhood of *Halifax* in *Yorſhire* live two Brothers named *Stoneclift*, whoſe Bulk and Weight is very extraordinary: The eldeſt is a married Man, and has ſeveral Children; about 40 Years of Age.——He weigh'd 35 Stone, odd Pounds; at 14 Pounds to the Stone; which we may reckon near 500 Pounds Weight. His Brother weighs 34 Stone odd Ponnds; but they make between them 70 Stone, or 980 Pound Weight. —— As one was mounting an Horſe, the poor Creature's Back broke under him, and he died on the Spot.